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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ARAB SUMMIT

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1. IN JUNE 18 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL
DIRECTOR AL-DALI SHRUGGED OFF AL SYG RIAD ANNOUNCEMENT THAT
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ARAB SUMMIT WOULD BE CONVENED NOVEMBER 8 (REFTEL). HE CALLED

PROPOSAL "PREMATURE" EXPLAINING THAT GOE WOULD NEVER PERMIT SUMMIT TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL ONGOING PEACE MOVES HAD REACHED SOME SORT OF CONCLUSION. HE OPINED THAT ONLY UNDER TWO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD SUMMIT BE CALLED: A) TO PRESENT FOR APPROVAL OF ARAB STATES A PROPOSAL ON SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN ISSUE OR B) TO ANNOUNCE BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS AND TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

2. ON VENUE OF NEXT SUMMIT, AL-DALI SAID THAT OPPOSITION OF "POWERFUL" ARAB STATES TO MOGADISCIO WOULD PROBABLY MEAN EVENTUAL DECISION TO HOLD SUMMIT ELSEWHERE. SAUDIS IN PARTICULAR ARE ADAMANT THAT SOMALI PRESIDENT PUBLICLY DECLARE COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM. AL-DALI UNDERSTANDS THAT WITH PRESENT MAKE-UP OF SOMALI GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT CANNOT AFFORD TO DO THIS.

3. COMMENT: AL-DALI'S REMARKS REGARDING INABILITY TO PREDICT NEXT CONVENING OF ARAB SUMMIT COINCIDE WITH OTHERS WE HAVE HEARD. THAT SUMMIT WILL BE CALLED ONLY UNDER THESE TWO CONDITIONS DOES, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE OVERSTATED, BUT AL-DALI'S APPRECIATION OF GOE CONCERN THAT SUMMIT NOT DISRUPT PEACE EFFORTS IS QUITE PLAUSIBLE.
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